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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

ALYSHIA BATTIEST, an individual;  
DELSA BERE, an individual; AMANDA  
BLAIR, an individual; ASHLEY  
BROWN, an individual; ASHLEY  
DAVIS, an individual; JESSICA DAVIS,  
an individual; ASHLEY DELESPIN, an  
individual; RACHEL ELSEY, an  
individual; KRISTIN FANNING, an  
individual; JOHARI GUY, an individual;  
AMANDA HELMS, an individual;  
SARAH LEWIS, an individual;  
LEANDRA LOVETT, an individual;  
RHEANNE MARTIN, an individual;  
VANESSA MERCADO, an individual;  
CASSANDRA PAGAN, an individual;  
KATHY PIGOTT, an individual;  
ALYSSA QUEVILLON, an individual;  
STEVIE ROBINETT, an individual;  
CARMEN SEPULVEDA, an individual;  
SARAH SPURLOCK, an individual;  
AMY VANHAM, an individual;  
BIANCA WALSON, an individual;  
LORI WALTON, an individual;  
JESSICA WHITSTONE, an individual;  
YEVONDA WILLIAMS, an individual;  
and SIMARI YOUNG, an individual.

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No.

COMPLAINT FOR:

- (1) DEFECTIVE
- MANUFACTURING
- (2) DESIGN DEFECT
- (3) NEGLIGENCE
- (4) FAILURE TO WARN
- (5) STRICT LIABILITY
- (6) BREACH OF IMPLIED
- WARRANTY
- (7) BREACH OF EXPRESS
- WARRANTY
- (8) NEGLIGENT
- MISREPRESENTATION
- (9) FRAUDULENT
- MISREPRESENTATION
- (10) FRAUD BY
- CONCEALMENT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

1 BAYER HEALTHCARE  
 2 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., BAYER  
 3 OY; BAYER PHARMA AG; DOES 1-  
 10.

4 Defendants.

## 5 6 **INTRODUCTION**

7 Plaintiffs ALYSHIA BATTIEST, DELSA BERE, AMANDA BLAIR,  
 8 ASHLEY BROWN, ASHLEY DAVIS, JESSICA DAVIS, ASHLEY DELESPIN,  
 9 RACHEL ELSEY, KRISTIN FANNING, JOHARI GUY, AMANDA HELMS,  
 10 SARAH LEWIS, LEANDRA LOVETT, RHEANNE MARTIN, VANESSA  
 11 MERCADO, CASSANDRA PAGAN, KATHY PIGOTT, ALYSSA QUEVILLON,  
 12 STEVIE ROBINETT, CARMEN SEPULVEDA, SARAH SPURLOCK, AMY  
 13 VANHAM, BIANCA WALSON, LORI WALTON, JESSICA WHITSTONE,  
 14 YEVONDA WILLIAMS, and SIMARI YOUNG (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), by and  
 15 through their undersigned attorneys, hereby bring this action against the defendant,  
 16 Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Bayer") for personal injuries suffered as a  
 17 proximate result of Plaintiffs' use of the defective and unreasonably dangerous  
 18 product Mirena® (levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine system). At all times relevant  
 19 hereto, Mirena® was manufactured, designed, formulated, tested, packaged, labeled,  
 20 produced, created, made, constructed, assembled, marketed, advertised, distributed  
 21 and sold by Bayer.

## 22 23 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

24 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §  
 25 1332, because the amount in controversy as to the Plaintiffs exceeds \$75,000.00,  
 26 exclusive of interest and costs, and because Defendants are incorporated and have  
 27 principal places of business in states and/or foreign states other than the states in  
 28 which the Plaintiffs reside.

1           2.     This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the remaining common  
2 law and state claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

3           3.     Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because a  
4 substantial part of the events giving rise to at least some of Plaintiffs' claims  
5 occurred, in part, in the Central District of California and because Defendants  
6 transact business in this district.

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8                                   **PARTIES AND CITIZENSHIP**

9           1.     Plaintiff ALYSHIA BATTIEST is a natural person and a resident and  
10 citizen of Van Buren, Arkansas.

11          2.     Plaintiff DELSA BERE is a natural person and a resident and citizen of  
12 Carrollton, Texas.

13          3.     Plaintiff AMANDA BLAIR is a natural person and a resident and  
14 citizen of Rock Hill, South Carolina.

15          4.     Plaintiff ASHLEY BROWN is a natural person and a resident and  
16 citizen of Snow Camp, North Carolina.

17          5.     Plaintiff ASHLEY DAVIS is a natural person and a resident and citizen  
18 of Enterprise, Alabama.

19          6.     Plaintiff JESSICA DAVIS is a natural person and a resident and citizen  
20 of Kershaw, Alabama.

21          7.     Plaintiff ASHLEY DELESPIN is a natural person and a resident and  
22 citizen of Washington, District of Columbia.

23          8.     Plaintiff RACHEL ELSEY is a natural person and a resident and citizen  
24 of Hillsboro, Montana.

25          9.     Plaintiff KRISTIN FANNING is a natural person and a resident and  
26 citizen of St. Augustine, Florida.

27          10.    Plaintiff JOHARI GUY is a natural person and a resident and citizen of  
28 Battle Creek, Michigan.

1           11. Plaintiff AMANDA HELMS is a natural person and a resident and  
2 citizen of Charlotte, North Carolina.

3           12. Plaintiff SARAH LEWIS is a natural person and a resident and citizen  
4 of Smithfield, Utah.

5           13. Plaintiff LEANDRA LOVETT is a natural person and a resident and  
6 citizen of Tacoma, Washington.

7           14. Plaintiff RHEANNE MARTIN is a natural person and a resident and  
8 citizen of McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

9           15. Plaintiff VANESSA MERCADO is a natural person and a resident and  
10 citizen of Moreno Valley, California.

11           16. Plaintiff CASSANDRA PAGAN is a natural person and a resident and  
12 citizen of Glen Cove, New York.

13           17. Plaintiff KATHY PIGOTT is a natural person and a resident and citizen  
14 of Summerton, South Carolina.

15           18. Plaintiff ALYSSA QUEVILLON is a natural person and a resident and  
16 citizen of Haverhill, Massachusetts.

17           19. Plaintiff STEVIE ROBINETT is a natural person and a resident and  
18 citizen of Cortez, Colorado.

19           20. Plaintiff CARMEN SEPULVEDA is a natural person and a resident and  
20 citizen of Beaverton, Oregon.

21           21. Plaintiff SARAH SPURLOCK is a natural person and a resident and  
22 citizen of Hilliard, Florida.

23           22. Plaintiff AMY VANHAM is a natural person and a resident and citizen  
24 of Herrin, Illinois.

25           23. Plaintiff BIANCA WALSON is a natural person and a resident and  
26 citizen of New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

27           24. Plaintiff LORI WALTON is a natural person and a resident and citizen  
28 of Country Club Hill, Illinois.

1           25. Plaintiff JESSICA WHITSTONE is a natural person and a resident and  
2 citizen of Carson City, Nevada.

3           26. Plaintiff YEVONDA WILLIAMS is a natural person and a resident and  
4 citizen of Russell Springs, Kentucky.

5           27. Plaintiff SIMARI YOUNG is a natural person and a resident and citizen  
6 of College Park, Georgia.

7           28. Defendant Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals Inc. (BHCP), is a  
8 corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a  
9 principal place of business at 6 West Belt Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470.  
10 Defendant Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals, Inc., can be served with process  
11 through its registered agent for service of process in California, Corporation Service  
12 Company, 2710 Gateway Oaks Dr, Suite I50N, Sacramento, California 95833.

13           29. Defendant Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals, Inc. was formerly known  
14 as Berlex, Inc., which was formerly known as Berlex Laboratories, Inc.

15           30. Berlex Laboratories, Inc. and Berlex, Inc. were integrated into Bayer  
16 HealthCare AG and operate as an integrated specialty pharmaceuticals business  
17 under the new name, Defendant Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

18           31. Defendant Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals Inc. is the holder of the  
19 approved New Drug Application (NDA) for contraceptive device Mirena®.

20           32. Foreign Defendant Bayer Oy has its principal place of business in  
21 Finland. Bayer Oy can be served with process through its legal representative at  
22 Legal Department Panisontie 47/ P.O. Box 415 20101 Turku Finland.

23           33. Foreign Defendant Bay Pharma AG has its principal place of business  
24 in Germany. Bayer Pharma AG can be served with process through its legal  
25 representative located at Muellerstrasse 178, 133353 Berlin Germany.

26           34. Bayer Oy sold Mirena® directly to BHCP until September 2008.  
27 Thereafter, Bayer Oy sold Mirena® to Bayer Pharma AG, which resold to BHCP.  
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1 Bayer Pharma AG purchased all Mirena® products sold in the United States  
2 exclusively from Bayer Oy and resold the product to BHCP.

3 35. The term Bayer and/or the term Defendants shall mean and refer to  
4 BHCP, Bayer Oy and Bayer Pharma AG collectively.

5 36. Bayer is in the business of designing, manufacturing, marketing,  
6 formulating, testing, packaging, labeling, producing, creating, making, constructing,  
7 assembling, advertising, and distributing prescription drugs and women's healthcare  
8 products, including the intrauterine contraceptive system, Mirena®.

9 37. Bayer does business in California through the sale of Mirena® and  
10 other prescription drugs in the state.

11 38. At all times relevant, Defendants were engaged in the business of  
12 developing, designing, licensing, manufacturing, distributing, selling, marketing,  
13 and/or introducing into interstate commerce throughout the United States, either  
14 directly or indirectly through third parties, subsidiaries or related entities, the  
15 contraceptive device, Mirena®.

16  
17 **FACTS**

18 39. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs of this complaint  
19 as if fully set forth herein, and further allege as follows:

20 40. Mirena® is an intrauterine system that is inserted by a healthcare  
21 provider during an office visit. Mirena® is a T-shaped polyethylene frame with a  
22 steroid reservoir that releases 20 µg/day of levonorgestrel, a prescription medication  
23 used as contraceptive.

24 41. The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved  
25 Defendants' New Drug Application for Mirena® in December 2000. Today, more  
26 than 2 million women in the United States use Mirena®. It has been used by more  
27 than 15 million women worldwide.

28 42. The system releases levonorgestrel, a synthetic progestogen, directly

1 into the uterus for birth control. Defendants admit it is not known exactly how  
2 Mirena works," but provide that Mirena® may thicken cervical mucus, thin the  
3 uterine lining, inhibit sperm movement and reduce sperm survival to prevent  
4 pregnancy.

5 43. The Mirena® intrauterine system ("IUS") is designed to be placed  
6 within seven (7) days of the first day of menstruation and is approved to remain in  
7 the uterus for up to five (5) years. If continued use is desired after five years, the old  
8 system must be discarded and a new one inserted.

9 44. The package labeling recommends that Mirena® be used in women who  
10 have had at least one child.

11 45. Mirena®'s label does not warn about spontaneous migration of the IUS,  
12 but only states that migration may occur if the uterus is perforated during insertion of  
13 the device.

14 46. Mirena®'s label also describes perforation as an "uncommon" event,  
15 despite the numerous women who have suffered migration and perforation post  
16 insertion, clearly demonstrating this assertion to be false.

17 47. Defendants have a history of overstating the efficacy of Mirena® while  
18 understating the potential safety concerns.

19 48. In or around December 2009, Defendants were contacted by the  
20 Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Drug Marketing,  
21 Advertising, and Communications (DDMAC) regarding a consumer-directed  
22 program entitled "Mirena Simple Style Statements Program," a live presentation  
23 designed for "busy moms." The Simple Style program was presented in a  
24 consumer's home or other private by a representative from "Mom Central", a social  
25 networking internet site, and Ms. Barb Dehn, a nurse practitioner with Defendants.

26 49. This Simple Style program represented that Mirena® use would  
27 increase the level of intimacy, romance and emotional satisfaction between sexual  
28 partners. DDMAC determined these claims were unsubstantiated and, in fact,



1 pointed out that Mirena®' s package insert states that at least 5% of clinical trial  
2 patients reported a decreased libido after use.

3 50. The Simple Style program script also intimated that Mirena® use can  
4 help patients "look and feel great." Again, DDMAC noted these claims were  
5 unsubstantiated and that Mirena® can cause a number of side effects, including  
6 weight gain, acne, and breast pain or tenderness.

7 51. The portion of the Simple Style script regarding risks omitted  
8 information about serious conditions, including susceptibility to infections and the  
9 possibility of miscarriage if a woman becomes pregnant on Mirena®.

10 52. Finally, Defendants falsely claimed that Defendants' product required  
11 no compliance with a monthly routine.

### 12 13 **PLAINTIFF SPECIFIC FACTS**

#### 14 Plaintiff ALYSHIA BATTIEST

15 53. Plaintiff ALYSHIA BATTIEST had her physician in Dallas, Texas  
16 insert the Mirena® IUS on or about April 27, 2006.

17 54. As a result of Plaintiff ALYSHIA BATTIEST's use of Mirena® IUS  
18 she suffered migration and embedment of the IUS in her omentum which resulted in  
19 further injuries to her body. On or about July 2, 2009, Plaintiff ALYSHIA  
20 BATTIEST's Mirena® IUS was surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff ALYSHIA  
21 BATTIEST continues to suffer from pain and discomfort as a result.

#### 22 23 Plaintiff DELSA BERE

24 55. Plaintiff DELSA BERE had her physician in Carrollton, Texas insert the  
25 Mirena® IUS on or about October 14, 2005.

26 56. As a result of Plaintiff DELSA BERE's use of the Mirena® IUS she  
27 suffered migration and embedment of the IUS in her omentum, resulting in further  
28 injuries to her body. On or about March 16, 2007 Plaintiff DELSA BERE's Mirena®



1 IUS was surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff DELSA BERE continues to suffer  
2 from pain and discomfort as a result.

3  
4 Plaintiff AMANDA BLAIR

5 57. Plaintiff AMANDA BLAIR had her physician insert the Mirena® IUS  
6 on or about January 2007.

7 58. As a result of Plaintiff AMANDA BLAIR's use of Mirena® IUS she  
8 suffered migration of the device that resulted in the embedment of the. On or about  
9 May 12, 2011, Plaintiff AMANDA BLAIR's Mirena® IUS was surgically removed  
10 as a result. Plaintiff AMANDA BLAIR continues to suffer from pain and discomfort  
11 as a result.

12  
13 Plaintiff ASHLEY BROWN

14 59. Plaintiff ASHLEY BROWN had her physician in Medene, North  
15 Carolina insert the Mirena® IUS on or about October 12, 2010.

16 60. As a result of Plaintiff ASHLEY BROWN's use of Mirena® IUS she  
17 suffered migration of the device that resulted in the embedment of the IUS and the  
18 perforation of her uterus. On or about March 5, 2012, Plaintiff ASHLEY BROWN's  
19 Mirena® IUS was surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff ASHLEY BROWN  
20 continues to suffer from pain and discomfort as a result.

21  
22 Plaintiff ASHLEY DAVIS

23 61. Plaintiff ASHLEY DAVIS had her physician insert the Mirena® IUS on  
24 or about August 2008.

25 62. As a result of Plaintiff ASHLEY DAVIS's use of Mirena® IUS she  
26 suffered migration of the device that resulted in further injuries such as embedment  
27 of the IUS and/or perforation of her uterine lining. On or about 2010, Plaintiff  
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1 ASHLEY DAVIS's Mirena® IUS was surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff  
2 ASHLEY DAVIS continues to suffer from pain and discomfort as a result.

3  
4 Plaintiff JESSICA DAVIS

5 63. Plaintiff JESSICA DAVIS had her physician insert the Mirena® IUS on  
6 or about May 19, 2011.

7 64. As a result of Plaintiff JESSICA DAVIS's use of Mirena® IUS she  
8 suffered migration of the device, which resulted in further injuries such as  
9 embedment of the IUS in her uterus and/or perforation of her uterus. On or about  
10 May 27, 2011, Plaintiff JESSICA DAVIS's Mirena® IUS was surgically removed as  
11 a result. Plaintiff JESSICA DAVIS continues to suffer from pain and discomfort as a  
12 result.

13  
14 Plaintiff ASHLEY DELESPIN

15 65. Plaintiff ASHLEY DELESPIN had her physician in Washington, DC  
16 insert the Mirena® IUS on or about February 14, 2013.

17 66. As a result of Plaintiff ASHLEY DELESPIN's use of Mirena® IUS she  
18 suffered migration of the device to her uterine wall causing embedment and  
19 perforation of her uterine wall. On or about November 18, 2013, Plaintiff ASHLEY  
20 DELESPIN's Mirena® IUS was surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff ASHLEY  
21 DELESPIN continues to suffer from pain and discomfort as a result.

22  
23 Plaintiff RACHEL ELSEY

24 67. Plaintiff RACHEL ELSEY had her physician in Hillsboro, Montana  
25 insert the Mirena® IUS on or about November 29, 2009.

26 68. As a result of Plaintiff RACHEL ELSEY's use of Mirena® IUS she  
27 suffered migration of the device causing the IUS to embed in her uterus. On or about  
28 June 18, 2013, Plaintiff RACHEL ELSEY's Mirena® IUS was surgically removed

1 as a result. Plaintiff RACHEL ELSEY continues to suffer from pain and discomfort  
2 as a result.

3  
4 Plaintiff KRISTIN FANNING

5 69. Plaintiff KRISTIN FANNING had her physician insert the Mirena®  
6 IUS on or about August 2009.

7 70. As a result of Plaintiff KRISTIN FANNING's use of Mirena® IUS she  
8 suffered migration of the device which resulted in the perforation of her uterus. On  
9 or about May 2010, Plaintiff KRISTIN FANNING's Mirena® IUS was surgically  
10 removed as a result. Plaintiff KRISTIN FANNING continues to suffer from pain and  
11 discomfort as a result.

12  
13 Plaintiff JOHARI GUY

14 71. Plaintiff JOHARI GUY had her physician in Battle Creek, Michigan  
15 insert the Mirena® IUS on or about October 30, 2007.

16 72. As a result of Plaintiff JOHARI GUY's use of Mirena® IUS she  
17 suffered migration of the device that resulted in further injuries such as embedment  
18 of the IUS to her uterine wall and/or perforation of her uterus. On or about  
19 September 15, 2008, Plaintiff JOHARI GUY's Mirena® IUS was surgically  
20 removed as a result. Plaintiff JOHARI GUY continues to suffer from pain and  
21 discomfort as a result.

22  
23 Plaintiff AMANDA HELMS

24 73. Plaintiff AMANDA HELMS had her physician in Charlotte, North  
25 Carolina insert the Mirena® IUS on or about August 3, 2009.

26 74. As a result of Plaintiff AMANDA HELMS's use of Mirena® IUS she  
27 suffered migration of the device and embedment of the IUS in her uterine wall. On  
28 or about September 7, 2011, Plaintiff AMANDA HELMS's Mirena® IUS was

1 surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff AMANDA HELMS continues to suffer from  
2 pain and discomfort as a result.

3  
4 Plaintiff SARAH LEWIS

5 75. Plaintiff SARAH LEWIS had her physician insert the Mirena® IUS on  
6 or about July 12, 2011.

7 76. As a result of Plaintiff SARAH LEWIS's use of Mirena® IUS she  
8 suffered migration of the device which resulted in the perforation of the IUS in her  
9 uterine wall. On or about April 18, 2012, Plaintiff SARAH LEWIS's IUS was  
10 surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff SARAH LEWIS continues to suffer from  
11 pain and discomfort as a result.

12  
13 Plaintiff LEANDRA LOVETT

14 77. Plaintiff LEANDRA LOVETT had her physician insert the Mirena®  
15 IUS on or about 2008.

16 78. As a result of Plaintiff LEANDRA LOVETT's use of Mirena® IUS she  
17 suffered migration of the device, which resulted in the embedment of the IUS in her  
18 uterus, and the perforation of her uterus. On or about April 2011, Plaintiff  
19 LEANDRA LOVETT's IUS was surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff  
20 LEANDRA LOVETT continues to suffer from pain and discomfort as a result.

21  
22 Plaintiff RHEANNE MARTIN

23 79. Plaintiff RHEANNE MARTIN had her physician insert the Mirena®  
24 IUS on or about October 2010.

25 80. As a result of Plaintiff RHEANNE MARTIN's use of Mirena® IUS she  
26 suffered migration of the device which resulted in further injuries such as the  
27 embedment of the IUS in her uterus and/or perforation of her uterus. On or about  
28 April 2012, Plaintiff RHEANNE MARTIN's IUS was surgically removed as a result.

1 Plaintiff RHEANNE MARTIN continues to suffer from pain and discomfort as a  
2 result.

3  
4 Plaintiff VANESSA MERCADO

5 81. Plaintiff VANESSA MERCADO had her physician insert the Mirena®  
6 IUS on or about 2007.

7 82. As a result of Plaintiff VANESSA MERCADO's use of Mirena® IUS  
8 she suffered migration of the device which resulted in the perforation of the IUS in  
9 her uterus. On or about May 2012, Plaintiff VANESSA MERCADO's IUS was  
10 surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff VANESSA MERCADO continues to suffer  
11 from pain and discomfort as a result.

12  
13 Plaintiff CASSANDRA PAGAN

14 83. Plaintiff CASSANDRA PAGAN had her physician insert the Mirena®  
15 IUS on or about March 2011.

16 84. As a result of Plaintiff CASSANDRA PAGAN's use of Mirena® IUS  
17 she suffered migration of the device which resulted in the perforation of the IUS in  
18 her uterus. On or about March 2011, Plaintiff CASSANDRA PAGAN's IUS was  
19 surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff CASSANDRA PAGAN continues to suffer  
20 from pain and discomfort as a result.

21  
22 Plaintiff KATHY PIGOTT

23 85. Plaintiff KATHY PIGOTT had her physician insert the Mirena® IUS  
24 on or about April 29, 2009.

25 86. As a result of Plaintiff KATHY PIGOTT's use of Mirena® IUS she  
26 suffered migration of the device which resulted in the perforation of the IUS in her  
27 uterus. On or about 2011, Plaintiff KATHY PIGOTT's IUS was surgically removed  
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1 as a result. Plaintiff KATHY PIGOTT continues to suffer from pain and discomfort  
2 as a result.

3  
4 Plaintiff ALYSSA QUEVILLON

5 87. Plaintiff ALYSSA QUEVILLON had her physician in Andover,  
6 Massachusetts insert the Mirena® IUS on or about August 23, 2010.

7 88. As a result of Plaintiff ALYSSA QUEVILLON's use of Mirena® IUS  
8 she suffered migration of the device which resulted in the perforation of the IUS in  
9 her uterine wall. On or about October 6, 2010, Plaintiff ALYSSA QUEVILLON's  
10 IUS was surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff ALYSSA QUEVILLON continues  
11 to suffer from pain and discomfort as a result.

12  
13 Plaintiff STEVIE ROBINETT

14 89. Plaintiff STEVIE ROBINETT had her physician in Grand Junction,  
15 Colorado insert the Mirena® IUS on or about January 10, 2011.

16 90. As a result of Plaintiff STEVIE ROBINETT's use of Mirena® IUS she  
17 suffered migration of the device, resulting in the embedment of the IUS in her uterus.  
18 On or about December 18, 2012, Plaintiff STEVIE ROBINETT's IUS was surgically  
19 removed as a result. Plaintiff STEVIE ROBINETT continues to suffer from pain and  
20 discomfort as a result.

21  
22 Plaintiff CARMEN SEPULVEDA

23 91. Plaintiff CARMEN SEPULVEDA had her physician in Hillsboro,  
24 Oregon insert the Mirena® IUS on or about August 1, 2005.

25 92. As a result of Plaintiff CARMEN SEPULVEDA's use of Mirena® IUS  
26 she suffered migration of the device which resulted in the embedment of the IUS and  
27 perforation of her uterus. On or about February 4, 2010, Plaintiff CARMEN  
28

1 SEPULVEDA's IUS was surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff CARMEN  
2 SEPULVEDA continues to suffer from pain and discomfort as a result.

3  
4 Plaintiff SARAH SPURLOCK

5 93. Plaintiff SARAH SPURLOCK had her physician insert the Mirena®  
6 IUS on or about April 2010.

7 94. As a result of Plaintiff SARAH SPURLOCK's use of Mirena® IUS she  
8 suffered migration of the device which resulted in the perforation of her uterus and  
9 intestines. On or about May 2010, Plaintiff SARAH SPURLOCK's IUS was  
10 surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff SARAH SPURLOCK continues to suffer  
11 from pain and discomfort as a result.

12  
13 Plaintiff AMY VANHAM

14 95. Plaintiff AMY VANHAM had her physician in Marion, Illinois insert  
15 the Mirena® IUS on or about December 27, 2010.

16 96. As a result of Plaintiff AMY VANHAM's use of Mirena® IUS she  
17 suffered migration of the device which resulted in the embedment of the IUS in her  
18 uterus. On or about December 20, 2013, Plaintiff AMY VANHAM's IUS was  
19 surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff AMY VANHAM continues to suffer from  
20 pain and discomfort as a result.

21  
22 Plaintiff BIANCA WALSON

23 97. Plaintiff BIANCA WALSON had her physician in Beaver,  
24 Pennsylvania insert the Mirena® IUS on or about December 15, 2010.

25 98. As a result of Plaintiff BIANCA WALSON's use of Mirena® IUS she  
26 suffered migration of the device which resulted in the embedment and perforation of  
27 the IUS in her uterus. On or about July 19, 2012, Plaintiff BIANCA WALSON's  
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1 IUS was surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff BIANCA WALSON continues to  
2 suffer from pain and discomfort as a result.

3  
4 Plaintiff LORI WALTON

5 99. Plaintiff LORI WALTON had her physician in Chicago, Illinois insert  
6 the Mirena® IUS on or about April 6, 2011.

7 100. As a result of Plaintiff LORI WALTON's use of Mirena® IUS she  
8 suffered migration of the device which resulted in the embedment and perforation of  
9 the IUS in her uterus. On or about October 21, 2013, Plaintiff LORI WALTON's  
10 IUS was surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff LORI WALTON continues to  
11 suffer from pain and discomfort as a result.

12  
13 Plaintiff JESSICA WHITSTONE

14 101. Plaintiff JESSICA WHITSTONE had her physician in Fort Gordon,  
15 Georgia insert the Mirena® IUS on or about April 2010.

16 102. As a result of Plaintiff JESSICA WHITSTONE's use of Mirena® IUS  
17 she suffered migration of the device which resulted in further injuries such as the  
18 embedment and/or perforation of the IUS in her uterus. On or about May 4, 2010,  
19 Plaintiff JESSICA WHITSTONE's IUS was surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff  
20 JESSICA WHITSTONE continues to suffer from pain and discomfort as a result.

21  
22 Plaintiff YEVONDA WILLIAMS

23 103. Plaintiff YEVONDA WILLIAMS had her physician in Somerset,  
24 Kentucky insert the Mirena® IUS on or about January 18, 2010.

25 104. As a result of Plaintiff YEVONDA WILLIAMS's use of Mirena® IUS  
26 she suffered migration of the device which resulted the embedment of the IUS in her  
27 uterus. On or about August 1, 2013, Plaintiff YEVONDA WILLIAMS's IUS was  
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1 surgically removed as a result. Plaintiff YEVONDA WILLIAMS continues to suffer  
2 from pain and discomfort as a result.

3  
4 Plaintiff SIMARI YOUNG

5 105. Plaintiff SIMARI YOUNG had her physician in College Park, Kentucky  
6 insert the Mirena® IUS on or about July 23, 2007.

7 106. As a result of Plaintiff SIMARI YOUNG's use of Mirena® IUS she  
8 suffered migration of the device which resulted the perforation of the IUS in her  
9 uterus. On or about March, 3, 2011, Plaintiff SIMARI YOUNG's IUS was surgically  
10 removed as a result. Plaintiff SIMARI YOUNG continues to suffer from pain and  
11 discomfort as a result.

12  
13 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION:**

14 **DEFECTIVE MANUFACTURING**

15 107. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs of this complaint  
16 as if fully set forth herein, and further allege as follows:

17 108. Defendants were and are engaged in the business of selling Mirena® in  
18 the State of California.

19 109. The Mirena® manufactured, designed, formulated, tested, packaged,  
20 labeled, produced, created, made, constructed, assembled, marketed, advertised,  
21 distributed and sold by Defendants was expected to, and did, reach each of the  
22 Plaintiffs without substantial change in the condition in which it was sold.

23 110. Defendants have introduced a product into the stream of commerce  
24 which is dangerous and unsafe in that the harm of Mirena® outweighs any benefit  
25 derived therefrom. The unreasonably dangerous nature of Mirena® caused serious  
26 harm to Plaintiffs.

111. Defendants manufactured, marketed, promoted and sold a product that was not merchantable and/or reasonably suited to the use intended, and its condition when sold was the proximate cause of the injuries sustained by the Plaintiffs.

112. As a direct and proximate result of Plaintiffs' use of Mirena®, they were each forced to undergo surgical removal of the IUS, developed severe pain from the device and had to undergo numerous procedures.

113. Defendants placed Mirena® into the stream commerce wanton reckless disregard for the public safety.

114. Defendants knew and, in fact, advertised and promoted the use of Mirena® despite their failure to test or otherwise determine the safety and efficacy of such use. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' advertising and widespread promotional activity, physicians began commonly prescribing this product as safe and effective.

115. Despite the fact that evidence existed that the use of Mirena® was dangerous and likely to place users at serious risk to their health, Defendants failed to disclose and warn of the health hazards and risks associated with the Mirena® and in fact acted to deceive the medical community and public at large, including all potential users of Mirena® by promoting it as safe and effective.

116. Defendants knew or should have known that physicians and other healthcare providers began commonly prescribing this product as a safe and effective contraceptive despite its lack of efficacy and potential for serious permanent side effects.

117. There are contraceptives on the market with safer alternative designs in that they provide equal or greater efficacy and far less risk.

118. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of these wrongful acts or omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiffs suffered profound injuries, required medical treatment, and incurred and continue to incur medical and hospital expenses.

1 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants for  
 2 compensatory, statutory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit,  
 3 attorneys' fees and all such other relief as the Court deems appropriate pursuant to  
 4 the common law and statutory law.

5 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION:**

6 **DESIGN DEFECT**

7 119. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs of this complaint  
 8 as if fully set forth herein, and further allege as follows:

9 120. Defendants were and are engaged in the business of selling Mirena® the  
 10 State of California.

11 121. The Mirena® manufactured, designed, formulated, tested, packaged,  
 12 labeled, produced, created, made, constructed, assembled, marketed, advertised,  
 13 distributed and sold by Defendants was expected to, and did, reach Plaintiffs without  
 14 substantial change in the condition in which it was sold.

15 122. The foreseeable risks associated with the design or formulation of the  
 16 Mirena® include, but are not limited to, the fact that the design or formulation of  
 17 Mirena® is more dangerous than a reasonably prudent consumer would expect when  
 18 used in an intended or reasonably foreseeable manner.

19 123. Defendants manufactured, designed, formulated, tested, packaged,  
 20 labeled, produced, created, made, constructed, assembled, marketed, advertised,  
 21 distributed and sold a product that was not merchantable and/or reasonably suited to  
 22 the use intended, and its condition when sold was the proximate cause of the injuries  
 23 sustained by Plaintiffs.

24 124. As a direct and proximate cause of Plaintiffs' use of Mirena®, she was  
 25 forced to undergo surgical removal of the Mirena®, developed severe pain, and  
 26 underwent numerous procedures.

27 125. Defendants placed Mirena® into the stream of commerce with wanton  
 28 and reckless disregard for the public safety.

126. Defendants knew or should have known that physicians and other healthcare providers began commonly prescribing this product as a safe and effective contraceptive despite its lack of efficacy and potential for serious permanent side effects.

127. There are contraceptives on the market with safer alternative designs that they provide equal or greater efficacy and far less risk.

128. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of these wrongful acts or omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiffs suffered profound injuries, required medical treatment, and incurred and continue to incur medical and hospital expenses.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants for compensatory, statutory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees and all such other relief as the Court deems appropriate pursuant to the common law and statutory law.

### **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION:**

#### **NEGLIGENCE**

129. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs of this complaint as if fully set forth herein, and further allege as follows:

130. Upon information and belief, Defendants failed to use reasonable care in designing Mirena® in that they:

a. failed to properly and thoroughly test Mirena® before releasing the drug to market;

b. failed to properly and thoroughly analyze the data resulting from the premarketing tests of Mirena®;

c. failed to conduct sufficient post-market testing and surveillance of Mirena®;

d. designed, manufactured, marketed, advertised, distributed, and sold Mirena® to consumers, including Plaintiff, without an adequate

1 warning of the significant and dangerous risks of Mirena® and without  
 2 proper instructions to avoid the harm which could foreseeable occur as a  
 3 result of using the drug

4 e. failed to exercise due care when advertising and promoting  
 5 Mirena®; and

6 f. negligently continued to manufacture, market, advertise, and  
 7 distribute Mirena® after Defendants knew or should have known of its  
 8 adverse effects.

9 131. A reasonable manufacturer would or should have known that its risks  
 10 created by Mirena® are unreasonably greater than that of other contraceptives and  
 11 that Mirena® has no clinical benefit over such other contraceptives that compensates  
 12 in whole or part for the increased risk.

13 132. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of these wrongful acts  
 14 or omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiffs suffered profound injuries, required  
 15 medical treatment, and incurred and continue to incur medical and hospital expenses.

16 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants for  
 17 compensatory, statutory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit,  
 18 attorneys' fees and all such other relief as the Court deems appropriate pursuant to  
 19 the common law and statutory law.

#### 20 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION:**

##### 21 **FAILURE TO WARN**

22 133. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs of this complaint  
 23 as if fully set forth herein, and further allege as follows:

24 134. Mirena® is a defective and therefore an unreasonably dangerous  
 25 product, because its labeling fails to adequately warn consumers and prescribers of,  
 26 among other things, the risk of migration of the product post-insertion, uterine  
 27 perforation post-insertion, or the possibility that device complications such as  
 28

1 migration and perforation may cause abscesses, infections require surgery for  
2 removal and/or may necessitate hysterectomy, oophorectomy, and other  
3 complications.

4 135. Defendants manufactured, designed, formulated, tested, packaged,  
5 labeled, produced, created, made, constructed, assembled, marketed, advertised,  
6 distributed and sold and otherwise released into the stream of commerce the  
7 pharmaceutical, Mirena®, and in the course of same, directly advertised or marketed  
8 the product to consumers or persons responsible for consumers, and therefore had a  
9 duty to warn of the risks associated with the use of Mirena®.

10 136. Mirena® was under the exclusive control of Defendants and was  
11 unaccompanied by appropriate warnings regarding all of the risks associated with its  
12 use. The warnings given did not accurately reflect the risk, incidence, symptoms,  
13 scope or severity of such injuries to the consumer or physicians. The promotional  
14 activities of Defendants further diluted or minimized the warnings given with the  
15 product.

16 137. Defendants downplayed the serious and dangerous side effects of  
17 Mirena® to encourage sales of the product; consequently, Defendants placed its  
18 profits above its customers' safety.

19 138. Mirena® was defective and unreasonably dangerous when it left the  
20 possession of Defendants in that it contained warnings insufficient to alert Plaintiffs  
21 to the dangerous risks and reactions associated with it. Even though Defendants  
22 knew or should have known of the risks associated with Mirena®, they still failed to  
23 provide warnings that accurately reflected the signs, symptoms, incident, scope, or  
24 severity of the risks associated with the product.

25 139. Plaintiffs used Mirena® as intended and as indicated by the package  
26 labeling or in a reasonably foreseeable manner.

27 140. Plaintiffs could not have discovered any defect in Mirena® through the  
28 exercise of reasonable care.



141. Defendants, as manufactures of pharmaceutical drugs, are held to the level of knowledge of an expert in the field and, further, Defendants had knowledge of the dangerous risk and side effects of Mirena®.

142. Plaintiffs did not have the same knowledge as Defendants and no adequate warning was communicated to her physician(s).

143. Defendants had a continuing duty to warn consumers, including Plaintiffs and each of their physicians, and the medical community of the dangers associated with Mirena®, and by negligently and/or wantonly failing to adequately warn of the dangers associated with its use, Defendant breached their duty.

144. Although Defendants knew, or were reckless in not knowing, of the defective nature of Mirena®, they continued to manufacture, design, formulate, test, package, label, produce, create, made, construct, assemble, market, advertise, distribute and sell Mirena® without providing adequate warnings and instructions concerning the use of Mirena® so as to maximize sales and profits at the expense of the public health and safety, in knowing, conscious, and deliberate disregard of the foreseeable harm caused by Mirena®.

145. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of these wrongful acts or omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiffs suffered profound injuries, required medical treatment, and incurred and continue to incur medical and hospital expenses.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants for compensatory, statutory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees and all such other relief as the Court deems appropriate pursuant to the common law and statutory law.

#### **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION:**

#### **STRICT LIABILITY**

146. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs of this complaint as if fully set forth herein, and further allege as follows:

1           147. Defendants are manufacturers and/or suppliers of Mirena® and are  
2 strictly liable to Plaintiffs for manufacturing, designing, formulating, testing,  
3 packaging, labeling, producing, creating, making, constructing, assembling,  
4 marketing, advertising, distributing, selling and placing Mirena® into the stream of  
5 commerce.

6           148. Mirena®, manufactured and/or supplied by Defendants, was defective  
7 in design or formulation in that when it left the hands of the manufacturer and/or  
8 suppliers, it was unreasonably dangerous. It was more dangerous than an ordinary  
9 consumer would expect and more dangerous than other contraceptives.

10           149. Mirena® was defective in design or formulation in that, when it left the  
11 hands of the manufacturer and/or suppliers, the foreseeable risks exceeded the  
12 benefits associated with the design or formulation.

13           150. Mirena® was also defective due to inadequate warnings or instructions  
14 because the manufacturer knew or should have known that Mirena® created, among  
15 other things, a risk of perforation and migration and associated infections or  
16 conditions and the Defendants failed to adequately warn of these risks.

17           151. Mirena® was defective due to inadequate pre-marketing testing.

18           152. Defendants failed to provide adequate initial warnings and post-  
19 marketing warnings or instructions after the manufacturer and/or supplier knew or  
20 should have known of the extreme risks associated with Mirena® and continue to  
21 promote Mirena® in the absence of those adequate warnings.

22           153. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of these wrongful acts  
23 or omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiffs suffered profound injuries, required  
24 medical treatment, and incurred and continue to incur medical and hospital expenses.

25           WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants for  
26 compensatory, statutory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit,  
27 attorneys' fees and all such other relief as the Court deems appropriate pursuant to  
28 the common law and statutory law.

**SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION:**

**BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY**

154. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs of this complaint as if fully set forth herein, and further allege as follows:

155. Defendants manufactured, designed, formulated, tested, packaged, labeled, produced, created, made, constructed, assembled, marketed, advertised, distributed and sold Mirena® as safe for use by the public at large, including Plaintiff, who purchased Mirena®. Defendants knew the use for which their product was intended and impliedly warranted the product to be of merchantable quality, safe and fit for use.

156. Plaintiffs reasonably relied on the skill and judgment of the Defendant, and as such their implied warranty, in using Mirena®.

157. Contrary to same, Mirena® was not of merchantable quality or safe for its intended use, because it is unreasonably dangerous and unfit for the ordinary purpose for which it was used.

158. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of these wrongful acts or omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiffs suffered profound injuries, required medical treatment, and incurred and continue to incur medical and hospital expenses.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants for compensatory, statutory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit attorneys' fees and all such other relief as the Court deems appropriate pursuant to the common law and statutory law.

**SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION:**

**BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY**

159. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs complaint as if fully set forth herein, and further allege as follows:

160. The aforementioned designing, manufacturing, marketing, formulating, testing, packaging, labeling, producing, creating, making, constructing, assembling, advertising, and distributing of Mirena® were expressly warranted to be safe by Defendants for Plaintiffs and members of the public generally. At the time of the making of these express warranties, Defendants had knowledge of the foreseeable purposes for which Mirena® was to be used and Defendant warranted Mirena® to be in all respects safe, effective and proper for such purposes.

161. Mirena® does not conform to these express warranties and representations because Mirena® is not safe or effective and may produce serious side effects.

162. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of these wrongful acts or omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiffs suffered profound injuries, required medical treatment and incurred medical and hospital expenses.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants for compensatory, statutory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees and all such other relief as the Court deems appropriate pursuant to the common law and statutory law.

### **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION:**

### **NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION**

163. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs of this complaint as if fully set forth herein, and further allege as follows:

164. Defendants, having undertaken the designing, manufacturing, marketing, formulating, testing, packaging, labeling, producing, creating, making, constructing, assembling, advertising, and distributing of Mirena®, owed a duty to provide accurate and complete information regarding Mirena®.

1           165. Defendants falsely represented to Plaintiffs that Mirena® was a safe and  
2 effective contraceptive option. The representations by Defendants were in fact false,  
3 as Mirena® is not safe and is dangerous to the health of its users.

4           166. At the time the aforesaid representations were made, Defendants  
5 concealed from Plaintiffs and their health care providers, information about the  
6 propensity of Mirena® to cause great harm. Defendants negligently misrepresented  
7 claims regarding the safety and efficacy of Mirena® despite the lack of information  
8 regarding same.

9           167. These misrepresentations were made by Defendants with the intent to  
10 induce Plaintiffs to use Mirena®, which caused each of their injuries.

11           168. At the time of Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiffs  
12 were ignorant of the falsity of these statements and reasonably believed them to be  
13 true.

14           169. Defendants breached their duties to Plaintiffs by providing false,  
15 incomplete and/or misleading information regarding their product. Plaintiffs  
16 reasonably believed Defendants' representations and reasonably relied on the  
17 accuracy of those representations when agreeing to treatment with Mirena®.

18           170. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of these wrongful acts  
19 or omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiffs suffered profound injuries, required  
20 medical treatment, and incurred and continue to incur medical and hospital expenses.

21           WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants for  
22 compensatory, statutory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit,  
23 attorneys' fees and all such other relief as the Court deems appropriate pursuant to  
24 the common law and statutory law.

**NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION:**

**FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION**

171. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs of this complaint as if fully set forth herein, and further allege as follows:

172. Defendants, having undertaken the designing, manufacturing, marketing, formulating, testing, packaging, labeling, producing, creating, making, constructing, assembling, advertising, and distributing of Mirena® described herein, owed a duty to provide accurate and complete information regarding Mirena®.

173. Defendants fraudulently misrepresented material facts and information regarding Mirena® including, but not limited to, its propensity to cause serious physical harm.

174. At the time of Defendants' fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiffs were unaware and ignorant of the falsity of the statements and reasonably believed them to be true.

175. Defendants knew this information to be false, incomplete and misleading.

176. Defendants intended to deceive and mislead Plaintiffs so that they might rely on these fraudulent misrepresentations.

177. Plaintiffs had a right to rely on and did reasonably rely upon Defendants' deceptive, inaccurate and fraudulent misrepresentations.

178. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of these wrongful acts or omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiff's profound injuries, required medical treatment, and incurred and continue to incur medical and hospital expenses.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants for compensatory, statutory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees and all such other relief as the Court deems appropriate pursuant to the common law and statutory law.

**TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION:**

**FRAUD BY CONCEALMENT**

179. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs of this complaint as if fully set forth herein, and further allege as follows:

180. Defendants had a duty and obligation to disclose to Plaintiffs that Mirena® was dangerous and likely to cause serious health consequences to users when used as prescribed.

181. Defendants intentionally, willfully, and maliciously concealed and/or suppressed the facts set forth above from Plaintiffs with the intent to defraud her as herein alleged.

182. Neither Plaintiffs nor any of their physicians were aware of the facts set forth above, and had they been aware of said facts would not have prescribed this product.

183. As a proximate result of the concealment and/or suppression of the facts set forth above, Plaintiffs have proximately sustained damage, as set forth herein.

184. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of these wrongful acts or omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiffs have suffered profound injuries, required medical treatment, and incurred and continue to incur medical and hospital expenses.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants for compensatory, statutory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees and all such other relief as the Court deems appropriate pursuant to the common law and statutory law.



**REOUEST FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES**

185. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs of this complaint as if fully set forth herein, and further allege as follows:

186. At all times relevant herein, Defendants:

- a. knew that Mirena® was dangerous and ineffective;
- b. concealed the dangers and health risks from Plaintiffs, physicians, pharmacists, other medical providers, the FDA, and the public at large;
- c. made misrepresentations to Plaintiffs, her physicians, pharmacists, hospitals and medical providers and the public in general as previously stated herein as to the safety and efficacy of Mirena®; and
- d. with full knowledge the health risks associated with Mirena® and without adequate warnings of the same, manufactured, designed, formulated, tested, packaged, labeled, produced, created, made, constructed, assembled, marketed, advertised, distributed and sold Mirena® for routine use.

187. Defendant, by and through officers, directors, managing agents, authorized sales representatives, employees and/or other agents who engaged in malicious, fraudulent and oppressive conduct towards Plaintiffs and the public, acted with willful and wanton and/or conscious and reckless disregard for the safety of Plaintiffs and the general public.

188. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of these wrongful acts or omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiffs suffered profound injuries that required medical treatment and incurred medical and hospital expenses, for which Plaintiffs have become liable.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants for compensatory, statutory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit,

1 attorneys' fees and all such other relief as the Court deems appropriate pursuant to  
2 the common law and statutory law.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants for compensatory, and punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees and all such other relief as the Court deems appropriate pursuant to the common law and statutory law.

DATED: April 18, 2014

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**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all Counts and as to all issues.

Respectfully submitted,

DATED: April 18, 2014

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